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The Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration (SME) is pleased to introduce the **SME SUMMER WEBINAR SERIES**. Webinars are an effective way to bring you together with others in the industry without travel expense and inconvenience.

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"Rare Earth Resurgence: Diversifying Global Supply Chains"

· Mark Smith, President and CEO, Molycorp

"Directions in Mineral Exploration"

· Robert Schafer, Executive Vice President, Hunter Dickinson
· David Cole, President and CEO, Eurasian Minerals Inc.
· Ron Parratt, Executive Chairman, Renaissance Exploration Inc.

JUNE

Thursday, June 21, 2PM MDT

"Emerging Workforce Trends in the U.S. Mining Industry"

· Cliff Brandon, President, Automated Systems Alliance Inc.
To understand if and how mining labor demands will be met over the next 20 years, this webinar considers some of the factors that are currently driving the mining business in the U.S. as well as issues that are anticipated to drive the business in the near future. We will then consider the information sources for mine labor and how the workforce is divided up between the mining sectors. Compensation, workforce age, retirement rate, skill level, retention, education, and long-term safety and health issues will also be evaluated.
Mining will be one of a handful of sectors that will add jobs at a fairly constant rate (11,000 to 13,000 per year) over the next 20 years. Job openings will largely be driven

by retirement of the current workforce and projected increase in demand for resource production. Historically, these have tended to be well-paying, stable, and relatively long-term jobs. On the downside, the U.S. may not presently have the skilled labor base to meet the current resource demand and the skilled labor that does exist may well be lured to places promising higher wages (Australia, Canada, etc.). This does not mean people will not be found to fill U.S. mining positions. The question will be: How skilled will this new, young workforce be and from where will they come?

JULY

Wednesday, July 11, 2PM MDT

"Coal Mining and Science: New Opportunities"

· John Craynon, ARIES Project Director, Virginia Tech
Widely publicized disasters and accidents, the controversies over mountaintop removal mining in Appalachia, and public concern about the health impacts have led to unprecedented levels of public acceptance and regulatory challenges for coal mining. Many of these issues have emerged during an extended period of extremely limited public and private research on coal mining issues. Recently, new opportunities have emerged focused on the science needs of the coal community, particularly related to health and safety, environmental performance, and coal preparation. This webinar focuses on both the nature of the challenges and the details of the opportunities.

AUGUST

Tuesday, August 7, 8AM MDT

"The Road to Zero Harm"

· Gary Goldberg, Executive Vice President and COO, Newmont Mining Corp.

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SME developed this series to bring its technical information to members who are not able to attend Annual or regional/topical meetings and short courses. The series will feature one-hour segments from prominent industry leaders. Each webinar will focus on a different aspect of the business from rare earths to HR issues to health and safety initiatives in the coal industry to the future for gold and more.

Each webinar can be viewed from a personal computer using its speakers.

The series will include four additional programs this summer.

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